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To <web.site.feedback@stb.dot.gov>
cc "Alyne Fitzgerald" <amfitz@earthlink.net>
Subject Quihi Project

Dear Sir,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed project you have planned for the Quihi, Texas area. I live near the area where the trains would run, and I am not convinced of the safety that such an increase would threaten. I have watched the history of rail accidents in the San Antonio area and other areas of the country of late and I am uncomfortable about the increase in traffic that such a plan would cause.

I live in the Creekwood Subdivision. This is a strong residential area with many young families and retired older couples. The proposed expansion would harm the rural atmosphere of the area. Further, I am convinced that insufficient effort has been made to insure that the increase in rail traffic with the added noise and air pollution would undermine the property values for our homes. Even now, often the railroad traffic goes through here at such a rate that the vibrations cause my floors to vibrate and the windows to rattle. I have cracked plaster in every room in my home, and see no benefit in repairing it, yet again, as it will just crack again as soon as it is repaired.

The tax structure of the community here is not sufficient to support the education of the number of students that would be coming into the area if the proposal is approved. I work in Northside Independent School District in San Antonio and see daily, firsthand, the danger of uncontrolled and indeterminate growth. Until there is a plan for funding the education of the children of the workers and giving them a quality education while continuing the caliber of education that is currently in place in the area, no such approval should be given, in my opinion. The children of the area are the future and when we cannot prepare them educationally then we have desperate problems.

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